# **HOUSE**

. No. 678

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

### Angelo M. Scaccia

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to reprecincting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk
William F. Galvin	Secretary of the Commonwealth

#### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

#### AN ACT RELATIVE TO REPRECINCTING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- 2 hereby amended by striking out, in line one, the words "nineteen hundred and ninety-two" and inserting
- 3 in place thereof the words:- two thousand and one.
- 4 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- 5 hereby amended by striking out, in line eight, the words "Not later than July first in such year" and
- 6 inserting in place thereof the words:- Within seven days of the last day the city council may vote,.
- 7 SECTION 3. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- 8 hereby amended by striking out, in line 27, the words "September first immediately following" and
- 9 inserting in place thereof the words:- thirty five days after the final day to give written notice to the state
- 10 secretary.
- 11 <u>SECTION 4.</u> Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- hereby amended by striking out, in line 28, the word "fifteen" and inserting in place thereof the word:
- 13 seven.
- SECTION 5. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- hereby amended by striking out, in line 32, the word "twenty" and inserting in place thereof the word:-
- 16 seven.
- 17 <u>SECTION 6.</u> Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- hereby amended by striking out, in line 34, the words "October fifteenth immediately following" and
- inserting in place thereof the words:- fourteen days after the last day to receive notice from the local
- 20 election district review commission.
- 21 SECTION 7. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- hereby amended by striking out, in line 39, the words "October fifteenth" and inserting in place thereof
- 23 the words:- the forty-ninth day following the final day to give notice to the state secretary.

- 24 <u>SECTION 8.</u> Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- hereby amended by striking out, in line 40, the word "thirty" and inserting in place thereof the words:-
- 26 fifteen.
- 27 SECTION 9. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- hereby amended by inserting, after line 44, the following new paragraph:- Should the state secretary
- determine that federal census figures are available at such time as to allow this process to begin earlier,
- 30 the state secretary will designate the date on which such process shall begin. Such date shall replace
- 31 "June fifteenth" in line 23 of this section.
- 32 <u>SECTION 10.</u> Section 2 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the words "next following" and inserting in place thereof:-
- 34 following the making thereof.
- 35 <u>SECTION 11.</u> Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- 36 hereby amended by striking out, in line 22, the words "nineteen hundred and ninety-two" and inserting in
- 37 place thereof the words:- two thousand and one.
- 38 SECTION 12. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- 39 hereby amended by striking out, in line 49, the words "July first of the year in which such division is
- authorized or required to be made" and inserting in place thereof the words:- seven days after the date on
- 41 which the board of selectmen is authorized or required to divide the town into precincts.
- 42 SECTION 13. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- hereby amended by striking out, in line 60, the words "September first of said year" and inserting in place
- 44 thereof the words:- thirty five days following the date the town clerk must transmit to the state secretary a
- 45 copy of the division.
- 46 SECTION 14. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- 47 hereby amended by striking out, in line 63, the words "September twentieth of said year" and inserting in
- 48 place thereof the words:- the forty-ninth day following the date the town clerk must transmit to the state
- 49 secretary a copy of such division.
- 50 <u>SECTION 15.</u> Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- 51 hereby amended by striking out, in line 69, the words "October fifteenth" and inserting in place thereof
- 52 the words:- sixty-four days following the date the town clerk must transmit to the state secretary a copy of
- such division.
- 54 <u>SECTION 16.</u> Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- 55 hereby amended by striking out, in line 74, the words "September twentieth" and inserting in place
- 56 thereof the words:- the forty-ninth day following the date the town clerk must transmit to the state
- secretary a copy of such division.
- 58 SECTION 17. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- 59 hereby amended by striking out, in line 75, the word "thirty" and inserting in place thereof the word:
- 60 fifteen.

- 61 SECTION 18. Section 6 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- 62 hereby amended by inserting, after line 79, the following new paragraph:- Should the state secretary
- determine that federal census figures are available at such time as to allow this process to begin earlier,
- 64 the state secretary will designate the date on which such process shall begin. Such date shall replace
- "June fifteenth" in line 23 of this section.
- 66 SECTION 19. Section 9 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is
- hereby amended by inserting, in line 1, after the word "thousand" the words:- two hundred